

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 574

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor Sumner Academy on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy is most assuredly one such noteworthy establishment; over the past forty years, Sumner Academy has produced outstanding graduates who have excelled in all walks of life, and it has stood as a pillar of educational excellence since its opening in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy is an independent co-educational day school governed by a Board of Trustees and serves children in grades Pre-K through 8th; its mission is to help discover and cultivate each child's unique abilities by valuing the differences each child brings to the classroom; and

WHEREAS, opening originally in a two-story home known as the Old Fitt's Place on Nashville Pike, Sumner Academy moved to its current location on Nichols Lane in 1975; the school currently operates with four buildings on thirty-five acres; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy has adopted as its mission the creation and promotion of an emotionally and physically safe environment, as well as fostering social and personal responsibility in future generations; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy is committed to teaching a love of learning and encouraging the pursuit of excellence in an academically challenging and culturally stimulating environment; and

WHEREAS, the school is fully accredited by AdvanceEd and the Southern Association of Independent Schools; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable school has been fortunate over the years to enjoy a succession of highly motivated administrators and educators, beginning with founding headmaster Rob Streacker and continuing with the five successive headmasters: Paul Dawson, William Hovenden, Sam Drash, Lindy Dillehay, and current headmaster Steven T. Jackson; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to cultivating children to their highest potential, Sumner Academy encourages teaching with patience, compassion, and understanding, and is driven by vision, patience, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, as the observation of Sumner Academy's fortieth anniversary is a historic and joyous community event, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause to recognize and mark this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sumner Academy's student body, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's fortieth anniversary, applauding their efforts to improve upon the education of Tennessee's pupils, and recognizing their continuing support of the educational community of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.